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DIARY NOTES

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26 October 1961

1. General Cabell telephoned and talked to me further about Bob Amory's re-
clamor for contingency space in the new building. He said that he hoped we might
be able to use the contingency space in some way and still not make it useless as
such. I asked for some time to study this and want to make plans as soon as pos-
sible for some use of this space by personnel who could be evicted very rapidly
without much effort. I have asked [REDACTED] to work on this for me. H

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2. [REDACTED] reported that the Office of Communications has been asked
to furnish communications to General Taylor [REDACTED] for a period of forty-
eight hours and, of course, we have agreed to comply.

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3. I had several discussions over the telephone with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] as well as with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and General Cabell here at Headquarters, about the farewell party which
is being given for [REDACTED] on Saturday, 4 November; seventy Headquarters
people and their wives, as well as four local residents and their wives, have been in-
vited. I have instructed them that this is inconsistent with acceptable security stand-
ards and that they must notify all employees [REDACTED]
not bring them to the party. (See memo dtd [REDACTED]
these details.)

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4. We spent some time briefing Mr. McCone and, generally speaking, I think
that it went fairly well. Aside from a very brief introductory statement which I made,
Larry Houston had about an hour, Emmett Echols, a little more than an hour, and
[REDACTED] about fifteen minutes.

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5. I talked to [REDACTED] about the possibility of setting a flat rate for mileage
from the new building to town when employees use their private automobiles. He is
going to look into this and give me a recommendation.

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6. After talking with [REDACTED] who, in turn, talked to the Director and
[REDACTED] I telephoned Elmer Staats and arranged for him and Bob Macy to come over
to see Mr. Dulles at 11:30 A.M. on Saturday, 28 October. (At this meeting Elmer Staats
merely reiterated the position in which the President has found himself when trying to
submit a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 1963. The Director indicated that he would
like to defer any decision on our budget until he and Mr. McCone have returned from
Europe. Elmer said that he was willing to defer the decision but wanted to make sure
that we were working on an alternative plan. I think that the Bureau fully intends to hold
our feet to the fire to make us produce an alternative plan. It may be necessary to pre-
sent the alternative plan to the President.)

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return to 8. Mr. McCone also expressed his preference for renting Cadillac limousines ~~as to~~ owning them and asked me to see whether we couldn't make this arrangement.

9. Just prior to the start of our briefings this morning with Mr. McCone, he asked me to come into his office where we talked privately for a few minutes.

a. He said that the real reason he wanted to move to the new building as promptly as possible was to avoid the clamor in the Community and, apparently, from the White House level for the Director of Central Intelligence to sit over in the Executive Offices and delegate to someone else the responsibility for running the Agency. However, he said that he believed he could do what these people wanted done without sitting over there.

b. He very definitely has in mind running the Agency somewhat as he ran the Atomic Energy Commission where he had, in addition to the Commissioners, a General Manager and X Chief Executive Officer." He emphasized the point concerning the Chief Executive Officer and asked me to think over how this could be done here and to give him my recommendation. It was obvious that he had in mind either delegating the day-to-day responsibilities to the Deputy Director or to a General Manager and Chief Executive Officer. I don't think that it would be possible to delegate them to anyone else below the Deputy Director without legislation, and even that might require some ruling by the Comptroller General. I have talked with Larry Houston about this and he and I have a date to discuss the matter further with Mr. McCone on Saturday afternoon. Mr. McCone emphasized that he did not want this organizational matter discussed with very many people, since he did not want it to become common gossip in the Agency.

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